

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

7. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney of Record Mark D. Pratt (Reg. No. 45,794) on Jan 14, 2008.

8. The application has been amended as follows:

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On Line ~~X~~ of the Abstract of The Disclosure, the term "apparatus" should be replaced with the term "apparatuses".

Reasons for Allowance

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 2-12, 14 & 15 are allowable over the prior art of record.

10. The closest prior art of record, Oishi et al. (Oishi) US. PG. Pub. No. 2002/0120745) does not teach, suggest, or render obvious in detail, reserving communication resources by establishing a communication path that includes both known and unknown communication path information in combination with all the elements of each independent claim as argued by the Applicant. Oishi only teaches a bandwidth management method and apparatus for use in a connectionless IP (internet Protocol) communication network which guarantees the minimum communication bandwidth. Oishi provides ease in estimating admissible bandwidth for a new reservation request of a user via the utilization of the bandwidth management apparatus